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SUBJECT: CHILEAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT OFFICIAL OUTLINES
PARTY'S POSITION

1. ACCOMPANIED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF POPULAR UNITY, AN
OFFICIAL OF CHILEAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, CLAIMING
TO BE ACTING OFFICIALLY ON BEHALF OF PARTY, MET MISOFF
AUGUST 30TH AND DELIVERED THREE DOCUMENTS WITH REQUEST
THAT THEY BE TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE:
(1) A COMPARISON OF THE DECREE-LAWS ESTABLISHING DINA
AND ITS SUCCESSOR; (2) A STUDY DOCUMENT, "HAS DINA
REALLY BEEN DISSOLVED, OR IS IT ONLY A CHANGE OF NAME?";
AND (3) "TO THE GOVERNMENT AND TO PUBLIC OPINION," A
MIMEOGRAPHED OPEN LETTER SIGNED BY STUDENT LEADERS, SAID
BY CONTACT TO BE PRODUCT OF YOUTH WING OF CHRISTIAN
DEMOCRATIC PARTY. (THREE DOCUMENTS POUCHES AUGUST 31
TO SCHIELE, IO/UNP.)

2. SAME CHILEAN, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM CHILE,
CLAIMS THAT OFFICIAL POSITION OF PARTY IS THAT THERE CAN
BE NO SOLUTION OF CHINEAN SITUATION WHICH INVOLVES
PERMANENCE OF PINOCHET, OR ANY OF THREE GENERALS OF
JUNTA, AND THAT THIS IS POSITION THAT EX-PRESIDENT FREI
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EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADORS LOWENSTEIN AND TODMAN IN THEIR
INTERVIEWS WITH HIM ON THEIR RECENT VISITS. FURTHERMORE,
CONTACT CLAIMED OFFICIAL CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY
POSITION IS THAT NAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE USG AND
PINOCHET WOULD BE BE ACCEPTED. ON OTHER AHDN, CONTACT
SAID THAT ANY SOLUTION TO CHILEAN SITUATION MUST INCLUDE
THREE ACTORS: ARMY, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, AND POPULAR

UNITL. POPULAR UNITY REPRESENTATIVE AT MEETING AGREED.

3. POUCHED DOCUMENTS CLAIM THAT ABOLITION OF DINA IS
COSMETIC JOB, AND CALL ATTENTION TO PLIGHT OF
"DESAPARECIDOS."

4. SAME OFFICIAL, AGAIN CLAIMING TO SPEAK FOR THE
PARTY, EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN THAT VISIT OF PINOCHET TO
WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 7 WOULD BE USED BY CHILEAN
MILITARY AND "CONTROLLED PRESS" TO STRENGTHEN APPARENT
LEGITIMACY OF JUNTA, AND GIVE IMPRESSION OF US SUPPORT.
HE ASKED THAT SINGLE QUESTION BE ASKED OF PINOCHET
DURING HIS VISIT: "WHEN WILL THERE BE SELF-DETERMINATION
FOR THE CHILEAN PEOPLE?"

5. COMMENT. CHILEAN REPRESENTATIVE CLAIMED TO BE SPEAKING
FOR FREI AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY ON ABOVE MATTERS.
THUS THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE A SIGNIFICANT DEGREE OF
TRUST BETWEEN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT AND POPULAR UNITY
SPOKESMEN AT LEAST IN NEW YORK CITY. END COMMENT.

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